

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 12/01/2021

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:05

Members Present: Kathy Miller, Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Carl (Jimmy) Berghofer, Windy Berghofer, Amanda Sena, Micaela Martinez, Destini Pacheco, Aaron Greenwald, Peter Schwatke, Don Ticknor, Nathaniel Pacheco.

Agenda approved. November 2021 minutes approved.

Don Ticknor and Nathaniel Pacheco were voted in unanimously and sworn in as new members of the DVFD.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

6 EMS calls in November. Rescue 3 has an inspection on December 3, 2021. Amanda Sena will be taking Rescue 3 to Rio Arriba County for inspection.

5 EMS calls in November. Summary to date for total EMS calls this year was 122. The average number of licensed EMS personnel responding per call was 5. Calls with AL's or above with Intermediate or paramedic was 97%. To qualify for additional \$7,000.00 budget through the Rio Arriba County for the EMS fund act we must have 80% of all calls having an Intermediate or Paramedic responding. Otherwise the budget allocation for EMS services is \$5,000.

EMS license renewals the Continuing Education hours are waived this year. We are still not clear on how we will renew our license. It will mostly be an online process. County needs to clarify with the EMS Bureau how we will obtain the Medical Directors attestation of competence or how it will be paid for by the county. Steve spoke to with Loretta with the Fire Marshal's office and she stated that Alfredo is working on it and will get back to us as soon as possible. We need to be prepared to have them ready in advance for submittal.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

There was only 1 fire call in November which was a mutual aid fire. There was some confusion with this call as to where it was actually located. On arrival we were notified that our assistance had been cancelled.

Steve stated he would like to proceed with doing more fire pre-plans in the community. Steve would like some volunteers to do the following locations: Vivac, Chiripada, Mission Embudo, Blue Heron and the churches.

Steve placed an advisory in the Dixon Town Crier about bonfires and campfires that if you feel a fire is unsafe to call 911.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Wayne has repaired Hydrant 4 and it is back in service. Steve spoke with a gentleman in Albuquerque that is an agent for Mueller Fire Hydrants name Aaron and he will be shipping us two 2 ½" hose connectors from another hydrant that had other issues and he will be charging us \$40.00.

Safety protocols of on street events were discussed in detail. Adam reviewed the Halloween event and the safety issues (*pedestrians exposed to traffic*) that were a problem. Adam said any on street event without complete physical blockade is a risk.

Adam stated we need to start winterizing all apparatus that carry water. This Wednesday on maintenance night we will discuss in detail how to winterize the apparatus and perform the procedures necessary. Windy will write up the SOP for winterizing and the procedures on how to winterize different apparatus.

Mick completed last of repairs on the stream lights. All batteries and chips were changed in the stream lights. Mick installed a new charger for these lights on brush one that was not working. Note, that the lights will not charge on Engine 2 unless the auxiliary switch is on.

We have cat litter as hazmat absorbent now on engine 1 and 2 for chemical spills on the highway for MVC's.

Scheduled Training:

- December 8, 2021– 7:00 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus Station 1 and Station 2.
- December 15, 2021– 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training PPE.
- December 19, 2021 – 1:00 PM *Company* training handling multiple casualty incident, triage and scene report. Adam is requesting Steve, Amanda and Wayne assist in this training

(No December 12, 2021 training moved to December 19, 2021 for this month.)

Adam has requested a safety coordinator from Jemez Coop to come and talk to us about electrical safety but he has been unable to connect with him. Hopefully later we can schedule safety training with them.

Adam contacted the state 911 Bureau to discuss when *text911* would be available. The state considers this a priority to introduce the Next Generation 911 (NG911). The NG911 is supposed to coordinate all digital. Current system is based on copper wire signals. NG911 will be set up to take cellular calls digitally, location information off the cell phone, land line calls, school fire alarms, and feed from security cameras or live video can be sent from cell phones. You will be able to text 911 *This is part of the ESIN Emergency Services Internet Network*. First Net, public service broadband network, is an internet, broadband and cellular service provided under contract by AT&T. Being first responders will be able to subscribe to this network. Adam went into detail as to how this would work and when this might happen. Being a rural area and Covid issues it may not be implemented for a long time.

Adam advised that automatic map locations on E-dispatch app or linked in E-dispatch messages may be wrong and may differ between platforms. If in doubt always consult Central dispatch.

We went over the After-Action Review for the MVC on Nov. 4, on NM 68, MM 20 in the canyon and was discussed in detail. Adam stated there were three 911 calls and one other call from the OnStar system for this MVC. Adam stated we will be getting more calls like this where OnStar will notify 911. For instance, if a car goes off into the ditch and air bags are deployed or collision is hard enough the cars system will notify OnStar. So, when we respond to possible cars in a ditch, we will need to be more diligent in looking for the vehicle.

Adam went over in detail:

- Prioritizing
- Scene size up and safety protocols
- Hazards – Oil spill, traffic etc...
- Staging
- Traffic Control
- Stabilization of the situation
- Triage
- Patients
- Evacuation of the injured
- Clean up

We had 10 DVFD personnel respond to this MVC. Adam and Kathy gave us praise and thanks and thought we handled the scene well.

Ron was quick to give Wayne praise in his EMT skills which he showed us to make sure to investigate in more depth when someone complains of pain. Example would be cutting away a pant leg to expose an injury that was not visible.

Important to note when given an order by an incident commander it is important to report back to your incident commander.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

There has been no response on the grant submitted for the quick attack vehicle that was submitted.

Fire Wise community and planning has received from Rio Arriba 50 sheets with names and maps from the County Assessor's Office that show all property with numbers on them in our fire district and list of their owners. This will help us try to determine and focus our activities. We are awaiting more maps from RA County Planning & Zoning that show access routes. Our major concern should be Bosque fires.

Alex will be writing a Trauma Systems Grant Application for the purchase of electric extrication tools and any other items that might be helpful for vehicle stabilization or low angle rescue tools. This grant is due in mid-January. Steve stated if you feel you could assist with this application, he would welcome that.

Burn ban flags will be placed out here near our sign here at Station 1 and the other burn ban flag will be posted at the edge of Windy's property so that it can be seen from both directions.

Santa Claus from the DVFD will be at Dixon Elementary school on Friday, December 17, in the afternoon, outdoors. We have purchased stockings, toys, and rubber ducks and will be purchasing plenty of candy items. We will assemble the Christmas stockings on Friday morning on the 17th. Our volunteer elves will be Eloise, Gilbert, Micaela, Destini, Liz, Kathy, Amanda(SB) and Steve.

Our last item is DVFD hoodies. Department decided on the heavyweight hoodies in light gray with zipper. We will all need to send the size and amount we need to Steve so he can place the order. We will order extra in case we have new members. He will place the order sometime next week.

Meeting adjourned at 20:28